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GM to invest $93 million in Romulus plant

The announcement last week that the GM will be investing $93 million in the Romulus Powertrain plant prompted sighs of relief from employees.

Employees had been concerned about job losses when GM CEO Mary Barra recently announced that the company would transition to the manufacture of 30 electric vehicle models by 2015 prompting workers' concerns about job cuts or a closure at the Romulus plant.

The Romulus investment, however, will fund the addition of machining capabilities for production of electric vehicles and work on installation of the new equipment is expected to begin immediately, a company spokesperson said.

While no new jobs at the Romulus facility are expected to be immediately created with the transition, no employee reductions are anticipated, GM officials said.

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GM plans to increase production of the 10-speed automatic transmissions used in the Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra light-duty, full-size pickups which are produced at the Romulus Powertrain plant.

UAW Vice President and Director of the GM Department Terry Dittes said the investment reflects union members' hard work and signals job security.

"By investing over $100 million dollars, GM has made a commitment to the work and jobs that benefit UAW members, their families and communities in Romulus and Bedford," Dittes said in a statement. Romulus currently employs about 1,310 hourly workers. It builds V-6 engines and 10-speed transmissions used in a variety of Chevrolet, Buick, GMC and Cadillac vehicles.

Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff said he was very pleased with the announcement, particularly with the several other major investments announced in the city.

"We are thrilled to continue to see jobs and economic development created in the City of Romulus, including the latest commitment from General Motors. Our region put the world on wheels and is driving the next phase of mobility. The City of Romulus and its hard-working residents are proud to play a role in Michigan's automobility industry, and today's announcement is great news for all those who live, work and play in our great city," Burcroff said immediately following the announcement last Thursday.

His sentiments were echoed by State Sen. Erika Geiss, D-Taylor.

"GM's decision to invest more money into its Romulus plant is great news for our workers, our community, and our economy during these trying times. This is a company that clearly knows the value of their products are only as good as the people who build them, and I couldn't be prouder of their commitment to Michigan workers," she said in a prepared statement.

Members of the Romulus High School girls basketball team celebrate the donation of masks, wipes and hand sanitizer received from Councilmember Tina Talley, left, and Councilmember Kathy Abdo, far right.

Playing it safe

Council members provide supplies to girls' team

Members of the girls basketball teams at Romulus High School scored a few points against the COVID-19 virus recently.

The young athletes received a donation of personal protection supplies and equipment (PPE) from Councilwomen Tina Talley and Kathy Abdo which will allow them to practice and compete in games safety during the pandemic. Talley and Abdo personally donated enough masks, hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes to keep the players safe during the upcoming season.

Abdo, who retired from her 40-year teaching career at Romulus High School in 2017, said she was happy to be able to help the team.

"I stay involved with the school and volunteer whenever I can," she said, "I help with the National Honor Society and whatever else I can do."

Talley contacted Abdo when she realized she had missed the deadline to donate to the team fundraiser this year.

"I called coach Paris McCarthy and asked her what I could do and she said what she needed was PPE for the girls."

Well aware of Abdo's volunteer work at the school, Talley discussed the need with her fellow city councilmember and the two decided to personally donate the needed supplies for the girls.

Abdo said it was close to her heart as McCarthy is a former student of hers.

"She's a wonderful person and was a wonderful student," Abdo recalled. The donated supplies will help keep about 30 varsity and junior varsity players, coaches and other staff members safe during the upcoming season.

This is the second effort at protecting the public for Talley who helped deliver nearly 4,000 masks to residents throughout the city through her affiliation with the Ministerial Alliance and the Romulus Fire Department.

Wayne County was providing masks to those in need and the Romulus Fire Department obtained more than 3,000 of them for city residents. Talley helped coordinate delivery of the masks to local churches where they were given to parishioners. Following the first donation, the fire department staff obtained more masks from the county and those, too, were distributed through city churches.

"We've got to stay safe," Talley, who has repeatedly urged residents to stay safe during council meetings, said.

And, "Go Eagles," the two agreed.

Romulus City Councilwomen Tina Talley, right, and Kathy Abdo, left, display some of the Personal Protection Equipment they recently donated to the Romulus High School girls basketball team to grateful coach Paris McCarthy.

Explosive 'souvenir' prompts warning

The Michigan State Police Bomb Squad was called to a Canton Township home last week when a box containing grenades was discovered.

According to police, the box of military souvenirs was discovered when a family was cleaning out the Canton home of a relative. They immediately called local police and when officers responding to the home determined the items were, in fact, grenades. They called the state police bomb squad. The grenades were found to be inert.

"This family in Canton Township did everything right," state police said. A spokesman said that it is not unusual for family members to find similar items among souvenirs or keepsakes of relatives. Too often, they handle the explosive devices and take them to the local police department or state police post which is dangerous.

The devices are unstable, state police warned.

"The first thing you should do is stop," Michigan State Police warned. "Don't take any chances! Just leave them alone and call 911. They will take it from there," police said.

The discovery of such items has often caused some concern in local police departments where unsuspecting family members deliver them in an effort to dispose of the explosives. In the City of Plymouth, there was a sign posted on the door at city hall instructing residents not to bring any suspected explosive devices into the building.

Romulus - Sumpter

Planning commission expected to expand to 9

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission will be expanded from seven to nine members pending an official vote of the board of trustees.

During a workshop session recently, board members discussed expanding the number of members on the commission and setting exact terms of service for the volunteers appointed to the body.

The change was proposed during the Feb. 9 board workshop session by Trustee Don La Porte who said he was suggesting it in response to some discussion by Supervisor Tim Bowman and Trustee Matt Oddy.

"I'd like to suggest that the attorney draw up a resolution and that the terms have definite expiration dates. We need to let individuals know what they are signing up for," he said. "The more people on the board, the more viewpoints we will have and the more diversity in the community."

In response to a question from Oddy, township attorney Rob Young said that the township can have five, seven, nine or 11 members and that the commission could certainly return to nine members. He added, however, that there could be some difficulty establishing expiration dates for current members.

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Trustee Peggy Morgan said that she felt this was an effort to override the decision of Bowman to appoint Eric Partridge to the commission and she felt that appointment should be made that night.

"I've never seen a board overrule a supervisor," she said.

LaPorte said he understood that Morgan "wanted him on there tonight" but that in his opinion the "more members we have we'll be better off. Maybe we haven't done this before but maybe it is time to think out of the box and start doing what is best for the community."

He said he would prefer have a plan for the length of commissioners terms.

Bowman agreed with LaPorte and said that having a plan for the terms of each commissioner would be the best way to handle the appointments.

During the regular meeting which followed the workshop the trustees voted unanimously to have the attorney prepare a resolution expanding the planning planning commission from seven to nine members.

Inside/Outside exhibit coming to Romulus

The cities of Romulus and Westland, along with the Wayne County Community College District will be among those participating in the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) 2021 edition of Inside|Out program which brings high-quality reproductions of masterpieces to outdoor venues.

Inside|Out is a popular component of the DIA community engagement efforts, said Salvador Salort-Pons, DIA director.

During the past 11 years, the museum has partnered with more than 100 communities and engaged tens of thousands of residents, he added.

"The Inside|Out program allows us a unique way to engage with tri-county residents by bringing art from the DIA into the communities in which they live," said Salort-Pons.

"This year providing a way to bring communities together in a safe, outdoor fashion outside of the museum walls has a whole new meaning," he added.

The reproductions will be in 26 communities from May through October. Each community will display approximately four to 10 reproductions, clustered within walking or biking distance.

Bright idea

Romulus City Councilmember Kathleen Abdo, left, and Parks and Recreation Coordinator Tanya Cofield proudly display the 2012 Innovative Programming Award presented to the city in recognition of the Parking Lot Disco Daddy-Daughter Celebration by mParks and the mParks Professional Recognition Committee. The Parking Lot Disco Daddy-Daughter Celebration is just one of many ways Romulus has remained committed to providing activities and events during the pandemic, Cofield said. During the summer, the city transformed its annual "Movies in the Park" series into a drive-in event a part of the city commitment and creativity in hosting community event during the pandemic.

Restaurant receipts can win diners $25 gift cards

City of Romulus employees have taken some exceptional steps to help local restaurants survive the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Employees have funded a new contest, organized by the Community Development Department which will reward local restaurant patrons for dining out. Mayor LeRoy Burcroff recently explained that residents who spend $50 or more at any local restaurants will be entered in a drawing to win a $25 gift card. Those cards have been funded by city employees, he said.

"In Romulus, we are lucky to be home to a number of exceptional local restaurants. Many of their owners are neighbors and friends to us all. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted every industry, but it has been especially difficult for many restaurants as work diligently to stay afloat. To keep our local economy strong and vibrant, it's important to support the local businesses in our community as much we can," Burcroff posted on the city Facebook page.

To enter, diners can simply email photos of their receipts from local restaurants to apusino@romulusgov.com along with contact information. Winners of the gift cards will be announced March 1.

For more information, call (734) 942-7545.

Suicide suspected in roadside death

The death of a 73-year-old Belleville man has been ruled an apparent suicide.

The man's body was discovered by Michigan State Troopers who responded to a 911 car from a motorist traveling on I-275 near Eureka Road at about 8:08 p.m. Tuesday, Feb 9. The driver told officers he saw the man's body on the shoulder of the road.

His body was found near a black Chevrolet Impala.

According to Michigan State Police First Lt. Jennifer Johnson, the investigation thus far indicates the man died by a self-inflicted gunshot wound. While no further information was being released by police, evidence at the scene indicated the man took his own life, Johnson said.

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP, MI
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
For
Entry/Exit Door Replacements

PROPOSALS DUE: 2:00 pm, March 8th, 2021

Sumpter Township is requesting proposals for removal and replacement of (3) Entry/Exit Doors located at the Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Rd, Belleville, MI 48111.

Sealed Proposals shall be received by the Sumpter Township Clerk's office at 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 no later than 2:00 pm, Monday, March 8th, 2021.

Proposals shall be publicly opened and read on Monday, March 8th, 2021.at 2:30 pm.

Please call the Clerk's Office at (734) 461-6201 to schedule an appointment to visit the Township Hall and obtain information.

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.

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SUMPTER TOWNSHIP, MI
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
For
Electrical Service/Wiring to Existing Signage Site

PROPOSALS DUE: 2:00 pm, March 15th, 2021

Sumpter Township is requesting proposals to re-establish Electrical Service/Wiring to an existing electric-lit sign structure at the Sumpter Township Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd, Belleville, MI 48111.

Sealed Proposals shall be received by the Sumpter Township Clerk's office at 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 no later than 2:00 pm, Monday, March 15th, 2021.

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SUMPTER TOWNSHIP, MI
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
For
Digital/LED/Programmable Display Signage

PROPOSALS DUE: 2:00 pm, March 15th, 2021

Sumpter Township is requesting proposals to replace the existing, electric-lit sign with an updated Digital/LED programmable sign at the Sumpter Township Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd, Belleville, MI 48111.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
2021 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

The Northville Township 2021 Board of Review will conduct hearings held by either electronic remote access, unless by the dates of the March Board of review meetings it becomes lawful under state agency rules for an indoor in-person public meeting to be held. Electronic remote access, in accordance with Michigan law, will be implemented in response to COVID-19 social distancing requirements and limitations on the number of individual in an indoor public gathering. If in-person public meetings become a lawful option, then the meetings will allow to be heard in-person at Northville Township Hall 44405 6 Mile Rd., Northville.

To access the March Board of Review meeting, visit the Township's website at https://twp.northville.mi.us/RemoteMeetings for participation options and instructions.

Write-in appeals will be accepted up until the last meeting date of the Board of Review on March 12, 2021 by 11:00 a.m. Postmarks not accepted. Drop Box available.

The following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2021 assessments are by appointment.
Starting February 22, 2021 you may call (248) 348-5811 to schedule an appointment.

Tuesday	March 02, 2021	9:00 am	Organizational Meeting Only (no hearings)

Appointment Dates for Hearing:

Monday	March 8, 2021	9:00 am to 12 Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday	March 9, 2021	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Thursday	March 11, 2021	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Friday	March 12, 2021	9:00 am to 11:00 am

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form L-4035) which can be obtained at Northville Township Hall or on the Township website: twp.northville.mi.us under Assessor's Department or at www.michigan.gov/treasury.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2021 are as follows:

Agricultural…….50.00%….1.0000
Commercial……..……49.29%….1.0144
Industrial……..……49.22%….1.0158
Residential……..…..49.25%.....1.1523
Timber-Cutover…..…50.00%.....1.0000
Developmental.....50.00%.....1.0000
Personal Property…...50.00%.....1.0000

Roger Lundberg
Clerk

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SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
2021
MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP.
THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW WILL BE MEETING AT THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021	*4:30 PM Organizational Meeting*
Monday, March 8th, 2021	*1:00 PM - 9:00 PM Appointments*
Wednesday, March 10th , 2021	*9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Appointments*

All hearings are by appointment only and must be accompanied by a petition form. Please call one of the numbers below for an appointment. Petitions are available at the Sumpter Township Supervisors Office or download a petition for at www.michigan.gov/treasury: click on forms: type in form number L-4035.

Written appeals are accepted as well and must be accompanied by a petition form and received in the assessing department by Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 4:00 pm. No postmarks are accepted. Mail petitions to: Sumpter Township Board of Review 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

Hardship/poverty exemptions are accepted as well. Please call the assessing department for more information on this exemption.

Any questions regarding the Board of Review, contact the Supervisor's Office at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2229, or the Assessing Department, Tuesdays & Thursday at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2236.

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Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township

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CANTON

Trustees OK payment for off-site equipment

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Canton Township employees will get a one-time $125 payment for technology needed in order to work remotely. Following a Feb. 9 unanimous vote by members of the board of trustees, all full-time and continuing part-time staffers are eligible.

"Some people have bought monitors. We don't want to get 200 monitors back," said Wendy Trumbull, finance and budget director. Other employees have purchased headsets in order to get their work done, she said.

Treasurer Dian Slavens, citing one staffer who needed a new chair, said, "I think it's a great idea." The total cost adds up to some $50,000 with overall budget adjustments likely not needed, said Trumbull.

In other business, trustees debated on the Canton Cares Advisory Committee before voting unanimously to reappoint four members.

"I believe they were given guidance by the previous supervisor," said Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak. "I really believe that."

Supporting material that night for the Canton Cares Advisory Committee cites the help the committee provides for tax-deductible status for donations. Trustee Steven Sneideman explained the complementary role of the Canton Community Foundation and recommended the director speak to specifics as well.

> *Some people have bought monitors. We don't want to get 200 monitors back.*

Clerk Michael Siegrist noted nonprofit organizations must follow their bylaws, and can face financial penalties if they don't. He also asked about the terms of Canton Cares members having expired some time ago.

"I want to echo Clerk Siegrist's concern about the terms expiring," said Trustee Sommer Foster. The issue arose with the question of the members staying on and continuing to serve.

"I think these appointments are fine," said Graham-Hudak.

Laura Mortier and Tammy Brown will serve through Nov. 17, 2022, and Tammy Haggerty and Kristina Wilson through Nov. 17, 2023. Trustee Tania Ganguly said of that body, "In the future, I would like to see more transparency."

Graham-Hudak added, "They are all very well-meaning," and the collective board outlined several Canton Cares projects.

Also on Feb. 9, four people were appointed to the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage: Husain Haidri, Neha Rao, Jason Davis, and Cornelius vanSpronsen.

Their terms expire on Dec. 31, 2024. Tania Ganguly will be the organization representative with the township board of trustees.

"We did have to narrow it down. As usual, we have some great talent," said Sneideman.

Foster urged residents not selected to apply for other positions with township boards and commissions.

Boredom Buster Bags are delivered to area seniors

Canton Club 55+ was able to lift the spirits of several area seniors by delivering Boredom Buster Bags filled with puzzles, toiletries, snacks, and other items to help keep them active, entertained, and engaged through the winter.

Canton Club 55+ was able to prepare and deliver the activity bags to local seniors thanks to a donation from the Ahmed Family Fund, in memory of Mohammed Basheer Ahmed. The contribution funded the creation of 90 activity packs that were distributed to area Meals on Wheels and Focus Hope participants.

"The pandemic has really changed older adults' usual routine of keeping active, visiting family and friends, and socializing," said Stephanie Diago Berkeley, adult services specialist. "We know this has had an impact on their physical, as well as mental well-being, and so by providing these activity packs we hope to inspire them with ways to stay active at home that keep them connected and stimulated throughout the winter. We are so grateful for the Ahmed Family Fund's kind donation that enabled us to provide these resources that will hopefully counter the effects of spending so much time alone."

Each Boredom Buster Bag included: Sudoku book; crossword book; coloring book with pencils; 300-piece jigsaw puzzle; deck of playing cards; blank greeting cards and stamps; and a resistance band and exercise/stretching booklet. In addition to these mentally and physically engaging materials, additional elements included: wool socks; gloves; fleece blanket; snacks; as well as personal care items.

Canton Club 55+, located in the Summit on the Park Parkview Room at 46000 Summit Parkway, serves as a resource for the entire community for information on aging, support for family caregivers, and for developing innovative approaches to addressing aging issues. Canton Club 55+ also provides numerous opportunities for older adults to continue their personal development through special health and wellness and enrichment classes, officials said.

With Canton Club 55+'s facility currently closed, area seniors are encouraged to stay engaged with Club 55+ programs and activities that they can participate in online from their homes, including: educational seminars; make at home craft sessions; Bingo, travel Thursdays; trivia; film and chat; social hours and cooking classes.

For more information about Canton Club 55+, call (734) 394-5485 or visit www.cantonfun.org/476.

Canton Club 55+ preps a Boredom Buster Bag for area seniors containing puzzles, toiletries, snacks, and other items. Photo provided by Canton Leisure Services.

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Notice of Public Hearing
Charter Township of Canton, Michigan
Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport
Grant Application for Victory Park Revitalization Project

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Canton will be holding a virtual Zoom **Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.** to receive public input on its Victory Park Revitalization Project application to the Recreation Passport Grant offered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. All individuals who currently reside in Canton Township, or who utilize Victory Park, are encouraged to attend by accessing the Zoom meeting at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81113946614 and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any comments they may have regarding the Victory Park Revitalization Project.

The Charter Township of Canton is pursuing additional funding support to improve amenities at Victory Park, located at 46555 Michigan Avenue, Canton, MI 48188. The grant application will include improvements of accessible playground amenities, sand volleyball, athletic warm-up space, dugout improvements, and environmental sustainability features. This Public Hearing is being held to receive public input for application to the Recreation Passport Grant offered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources aimed toward recreational amenity improvements at Victory Park.

Participants may provide input prior to the hearing date by submitting comments to leisure@canton-mi.org or by calling Deputy Director Jon LaFever at 734/394-5360.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend/participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260. Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice. A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
March 11, 2021

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, March 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held by electronic remote access. Individuals may join the video teleconference by going to:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85399614219

Or iPhone one-tap: 1-312-626-6799 (85399614219#) or 1-301-715-8592 (85399614219#)

Or Telephone: 1-301-715-8592 or 1-312-626-6799

Webinar ID: 853 9961 4219

International numbers available: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kqW8mTts7

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Craig Engel, Greg Greco, John Badeen.
Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Minutes:
February 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Approval of Agenda

General Calendar:

1. Applicant, Richard Rattner, representative of Pure Development, Inc., for property located on the north side of Michigan Ave. between Denton Rd. and Beck Rd., Zoning LI-R- Light Industrial Research. Property address is 48630 Michigan Ave. Appealing Section 2.24(A) (Wetlands Protection Setback) and Section 2.24(C) (Stormwater Protection Buffer) of the Zoning Ordinance. The requested variances are to allow excavation within the required 25-foot wetland setbacks as illustrated on the submitted plans, and to allow excavation and structures (driveway and parking area) within the required 25-foot drain setbacks (from easement or top of bank of drain, whichever is greater) as illustrated on the submitted plans. Parcel ID 127-99-0020-000, 127-99-0019-000, 127-99-0018-002, 125-99-0002-706, 127-99-0017-000, 127-99-0016-000, and 127-99-0009-000 (Planning).

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton. Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center
Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** by electronic remote access on the following proposed Special Land Use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

BARBAT AUTOMOBILE FILLING/MULTIUSE STATION WITH FAST FOOD RESTAURANT - Consider request for Special Land Use approval for an automobile filling/multi-use station (Section 18.02(B)(3)(c) of the Zoning Ordinance) with a fast food restaurant (Section 18.02(B)(2) of the Zoning Ordinance) on parcel nos. 047-99-0006-001 at 41350 Ford Rd. Property is zoned C-4, Interchange Service District within the Central Business District (CBD) Overlay, and located at the northeast corner of Ford Rd. and Haggerty Rd.

To mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Canton Township residents; the Canton Township Planning Commission will conduct its meeting on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. by video teleconference in accordance with Michigan law.

Public comments may be submitted to patrick.sloan@canton-mi.org at any time prior to the meeting. Additionally, written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Township Administration Building at 1150 S Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188 by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2021. The Secretary or staff will read comments submitted within the Rules of the Planning Commission during the meeting. Members of the public who attend by telephone or video may address the Planning Commission during the public hearing period via videoconference.

Individuals may join the video teleconference by going to:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88974505539

Or iPhone one-tap:
1-312-626-6799 (88974505539#) or 1-301-715-8592 (88974505539#)

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SEE ATTACHED MAP

Greg Greene, Chairman
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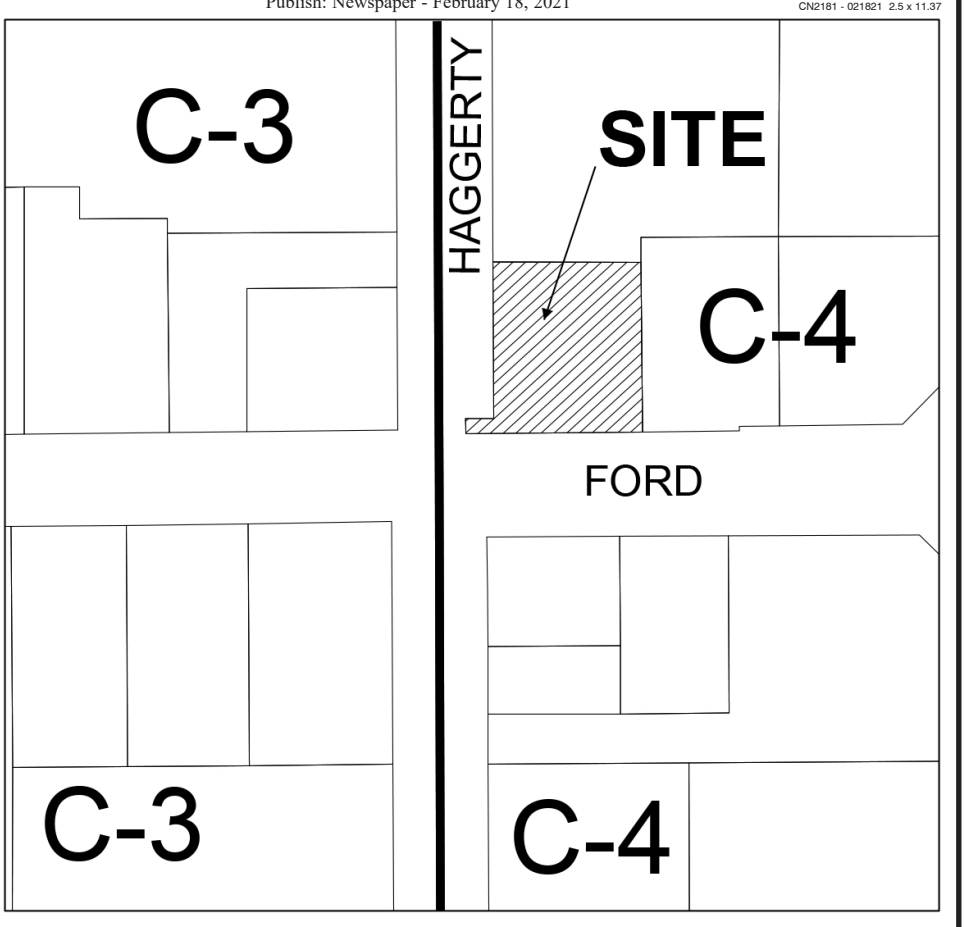

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Wayne - Westland

Rotary speaker addresses vast effects of virus

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Opening K-12 schools in Michigan - proposed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer for March 1 - is complex, says Dr. Debra Pinals, M.D. as are many effects of the current pandemic facing the entire country.

Pinals is a psychiatrist and serves as the medical director for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral Health and Forensic Programs.

"It's really obviously complicated. There are no simple answers. Sometimes it's hard to know what is the right balance," she said, of returning students to classrooms.

Pinals, speaking Feb. 9 via Zoom to members of the Wayne Rotary Club, suggested parents talk to the principal at their child's school about the situation. She noted the emotional connections K-12 students have in school.

Another factor in the return to face-to-face learning is vaccinations for teachers, which is a factor in the safety of both students and staff members. Vaccinations are voluntary, she noted, and many unknown factors remain about the rapidly mutating virus.

The pandemic is a worldwide disaster, she said, and while federal funding usually follows disasters, weather-based ones often have a pre-disaster warning. As people pull together after such an occurrence, there is common cohesion which is then often followed by disillusionment with "frayed nerves".

COVID has dragged on, with a continuing fear of infection, frustration and boredom exacerbated by loss of social contact. She urged listeners to visit michigan.gov/staywell for a variety of resources on coping with the novel coronavirus.

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"We may be in hard times but we can be hopeful," the physician said. "The crisis will end."

She said it is key to get the vaccine and to acknowledge losses. Prior bad circumstances in life can be called on to remind people that the situation will get better.

"That is one of the amazing things about humanity," said Pinals, who's also impressed with another recent Wayne Rotary speaker, a Tuskegee Airman who spoke about being a prisoner of war.

Volunteering is also good for the volunteer," said Pinals, who did literacy work at a point in her life. "Even on a micro level ... people on the receiving end might be able to take it in," she added of greetings like "How are you?" to strangers and "Thank you".

Examples of coping strategies given on her Zoom call include listening to comedies and exercising. Pinals noted the children's recommendations on the website, such as coloring with crayons or listening to music, work for grownups, too.

"We know people are trying to access that vaccine," said Pinals, noting it's "a supply issue. Just the logistics and coordination was a learning curve."

She noted a June 2020 Centers for Disease Control survey found 40 percent of U.S. adults had issues with mental health and/or substance use. She agreed surveys have their limits and should be taken with a grain of salt.

"There's a lot of cultural issues," Pinals agreed with a participant's assessment of another state where many believe COVID-19 doesn't exist.

Pinals thanked Wayne Rotarians Laura and Milton Mack for the invitation to speak. "I think they're an amazing couple," she said of Laura Mack, a retired 29th District Court judge, and her husband, who also served as a judge at the Wayne court, and recently retired from the Probate Court bench.

Former resident sues Westland and police over arrest

A former Westland resident has filed a civil suit seeking unspecified damages from the City of Westland, Westland Police Department, Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik and Police Det. Kameron Sleep, alleging that they violated his constitutional rights and caused him physical, mental and emotional harm.

James Herrera, 36, is also seeking compensation for his claim of police misconduct and deficient training and supervision, which he claims, led to his arrest last July. Herrera claims in his lawsuit that he was arrested without probable cause and that police singled him out because he refused to cooperate with another investigation. He claims there was a conspiracy by police for his refusal to cooperate.

In his court filings, Herrera claims the police engaged in "reckless, wanton, intentional and outrageous conduct, which was done with an evil motive and a callous indifference to the fundamental rights of (the) plaintiff."

Jedusik, however, said he and the department are "confident that the case was handled in an appropriate manner."

Herrera, who has moved from the city, he says, because of the police, claims that he has suffered irreparable harm.

Court documents state that the situation began July 5 when Jeffrey Brown filed a police report stating that he had been robbed at gunpoint earlier that week as he was leaving a supermarket. He said the robbers took a money order for $156 he had just purchased and his wallet containing $600 in cash.

He told police that one of the gunmen called the other "Tex." In his suit, Herrera claims that Sleep, in his capacity as a police detective, was familiar with an individual called Tex and during the investigation of the robbery, showed Brown an array of photos which included a picture of Herrera. Brown allegedly identified a photo of James Anthony 'Tex' Herrera, with whom police had a history.

Herrera turned himself into police on July 23 in response to an arrest warrant. He told police he considered Brown, whom he had known for years, "an uncle" and a close friend. He agreed to a polygraph test and had an alibi for the time of the robbery which his attorney, Gregory Rohl, said could be corroborated by witnesses at the hotel where he said he was during the robbery.

James Herrera

Brown later told police his money had been returned by one of the robbers and he did not want to prosecute the case further. Herrera, however, was charged by the office of the Wayne County prosecutor with armed robbery and faced life in prison if convicted.

Brown testified in court proceedings that Herrera was not one of the men who robbed him and the charges against Herrera in the armed robbery were dismissed in September.

Herrera filed his civil suit in Wayne County Circuit Court seeking damages for himself and his three children last month. The attorney representing the city has filed to have the case transferred to U.S. District Court.

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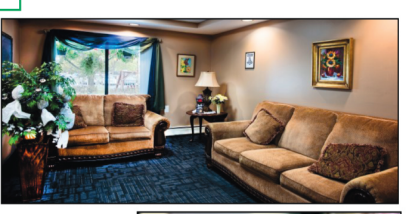

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PLYMOUTH

Safety concerns delay back-to-school plans

The new guidelines for the return to face-to-face learning in classrooms issued by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) last week won't move the anticipated return date in Plymouth-Canton schools.

Administrators said last week that more planning time is necessary to ensure the safety of students and teachers. Superintendent of Schools Monica Merritt told parents and members of the board of education during a meeting last week that stringent social-distancing protocols along with other safety measures will be implemented when students return to classrooms.

The necessary planning for those safety measures and procedures will take more time than originally scheduled and slow the Safe Start learning timeline the district had initially proposed.

Hal Heard, director of high school education for the district, said the return to classroom learning is especially difficult at the three high school campus as educators attempt to maintain the maintaining of social distancing for 5,000 10th, 11th and 12th grade students scheduled to return to full in-person or hybrid learning on March 1. Most of these students, he explained, attend classes in all three buildings, Plymouth Canton and Salem high schools, which exacerbates the problems in keeping them safe and distances while transitioning between classes. Ninth grade students returned to the campus for a hybrid version of in-person learning earlier this month.

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"The Plymouth Canton Educational Park is like a community college," he explained and noted that the problems in having students return to the three-building complex are unique.

The new plan proposed last week will delay the start of five-day, in-person classes for kindergarten through fifth grade students to March 1, rather than the Feb. 17 date administrators had previously slated. The students are now attending in-person classed for four half-days weekly. Middle school students will also return to full, four-day in person classes on March 1 rather than today, as originally planned.

April 5 has been proposed as the date for returning ninth through 12th grade students to half-day in-person classes.

Merritt cautioned parents and students that these are target dates and that safety protocols would be the determining factor in the return to school buildings.

"When we use the term target dates, we're making sure we're first looking at safety and achieving all of the parameters we set out to achieve as a district to make sure we can bring students back safely," Merritt said. "Our goal is to achieve 3- feet distancing as a minimum for instruction and 6-feet in the lunchrooms."

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Cold temperatures didn't deter crowds from flocking to Plymouth last weekend to view the 75 or so ice sculptures installed along downtown sidewalks. The 39th annual event was downsized this year from the usual huge sculptures in the Kellogg Park. Other family activities and professional and collegiate ice carving competitions were canceled due to safety precautions. The smaller, single block creations, however, attracted viewers and families on both Saturday and Sunday and was "pretty successful" according to JAF Entertainment President James Gietzen, who produced the event with the help of local sponsors who funded the ice carvings this year. Photos by Dave Willett

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE TO PUBLIC
BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton the March Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing to or in writing to the Board of Review. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 10, 2021 by 9:00 p.m.

The following is the schedule for March Board of Review.

Monday, March 8th, 2021	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Tuesday, March 9th, 2021	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Wednesday, March 10th, 2021	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

Please be advised that entry to the building can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township Hall.

To schedule an appointment or if you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review you may call the Assessor's Office at 734-394-5111.

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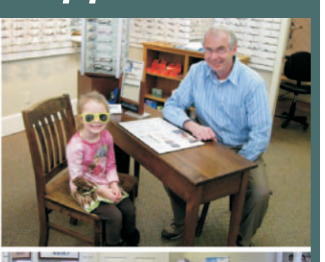

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Fine 'Friends'

Group continues effort to build new entrance to Maybury Park

Members of the Friends of Maybury have raised more than $12,500 to fund an engineering study that will provide groundwork for a new pedestrian/bicycle entrance to the state park off Seven Mile near Ridge Road. A new southern entrance for the 944-acre park was identified by area residents and stakeholders as a top priority in the 2019 General Management Plan.

The first step toward making the new entrance a reality is to conduct the engineering study that will establish a route, conduct core samples, and generate design/engineering drawings. This study is expected to cost about $18,000.

There are currently two drive-in entrances to the park - the entrance to the horse-riding stables on Beck Road and the main entrance on Eight Mile Road. A convenient, accessible bicycle/pedestrian entrance was developed in 2015 at the northeast corner of the park that connects to the regional trail. That project, which involved making road improvements and new crossings, was funded by the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Wayne County, local communities, Friends of Maybury and others.

The proposed new entrance would especially benefit nearby residents, who could walk or ride bikes to the park, supporters of the plan said.

"The mountain-bike trail is in the southern quadrant of the park and it's a huge draw. Many people who live on the south side of the park don't want to put their bike on a rack and drive around to the Eight Mile entrance," said Park Supervisor Traci Sincock. "The bike path inside the park aligns with the paved trail so it would be easy to get to from the Seven Mile entrance."

Members of The Friends of Maybury, an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization, consider the southern entrance project important enough to raise money from the community. Wayne County, Northville Township and other stakeholders are on board with creating a new non-motorized entrance. While the new entrance would not connect to the Link bike trail initially, it could become part of a future bike path along Seven Mile and Ridge Road, according to the Northville Township Pathways System plan.

"Through surveys and hearings, the new entrance at the southern border was the number one amenity that people wanted. There's not a lot of money for capital improvements at this time, said Sincock. "The Friends of Maybury, knowing that, decided that they would tackle this project to keep it moving forward."

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The Friends of Maybury is two-thirds of the way toward the $18,000 goal, according President Chuck Murdock. Fundraising efforts have been supported through grants and by contributions from businesses and individuals. Three grants have been made: $2,500 from FACT (Federation of American Consumers & Travelers) and $1,000 each from the Northville Rotary Club and Community Financial Credit Union. The effort began last October.

The nonprofit organization, which celebrates 25 years in 2021, provides approximately $10,000 annually for materials, projects and financial support to the park. It also supports educational, environmental and cultural programs.

Maybury State Park serves Wayne County, Lyon Township, Oakland County and other communities farther out. An estimated 400,000 people live within a 10-mile range of the park and many come for the trails - bicyclists, horseback riders, walkers and runners, according to the park website.

In 2019, there were 500,000 visits; in 2020, during COVID-19, attendance spiked to nearly 1.2 million visits.

Paths in Maybury wind through a mature forest that served as a health care center and respite for adults and children with tuberculosis from 1921-1969. There were approximately 40 buildings at the Maybury Sanatorium - many housed patients and some staff, others were used to prepare food and store supplies. There was also a summer camp for kids with tuberculosis.

With the discovery of penicillin, TB was cured and the sanatorium closed, according to the website.

After most of the buildings were demolished, the City of Detroit sold the property to the State in 1971 to develop it into a park. Maybury State Park opened in 1975 as the first state park in Wayne County. Plaques set along the trails tell the park history. The distinctive wrought-iron arch for Maybury Sanatorium that crowned a trailhead has been relocated to the front of the new park headquarters, close to the Eight Mile entrance.

Donations for the engineering study of the new entrance can be mailed to: Friends of Maybury, 49601 Eight Mile Road, Northville, MI, 48167 or make a donation online at MightyCause.

Library seeking 'Kings and Queens'

The Leanna Hicks Public Library of Inkster is offering a "Be a King or Queen - Ancient African Kings and Queens" Black History Month Challenge, through Feb. 21. It starts with an African King and Queen scavenger hunt featuring interesting facts on Kings and Queens of the past.

The next step is to create a masterpiece based on what has been learned about a royal. Collaboration is welcome. Call the library at (313) 563-2822 or visit www.inkster.lib.mi.us for complete rules or how to register. There will be prizes for first, second and third place.

Entries can be: writing (poetry, essay, story); music (song, dance from that time); or artwork (mask, sculpture, painting, drawing, diorama, costume design).

The Friends of the Leanna Hicks Public Library Foundation offers a Used Book Sale 3-6 p.m. every Friday in February. Children's books are 25 cents, paperbacks 50 cents, hardcovers $1, or fill a bag for $5. The library is located at 2500 Hamlin Dr. in Inkster.

Need internet? The Leanna Hicks Library now has 10 HotSpots to offer the community for 2021, thanks to a program through MetroParks and The Library Network.

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